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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Public Notice of Draft NPDES Permit(s)
August 5, 1998

This is to give notice that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, has formulated a draft General Permit for the following facilities under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). Development of the draft permit was based on a preliminary staff review by EPA, Region 6, and consultation with the State of Texas. The State of Texas is currently reviewing the draft permit for the purpose of certifying or denying certification of the permit.

EPA Region 6 is proposing a general NPDES permit authorizing discharges from petroleum bulk stations and terminals in Texas. As proposed, the permit has the following requirements: limits on Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons, benzene, Total BTEX (sum of benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene and xylene), lead and pH and a limit of no acute toxicity. In addition, the permit has limits on the metals contained in Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission Regulations for Hazardous Metals (30 TAC 319, Subchapter B), and a requirement to develop and implement a pollution prevention plan for the storm water discharges authorized by this permit.

The Notice of the proposed permit can be found in the Federal Register published on August 5, 1998 [FRL 6135-9]. The Federal Register notice states that comments are due by September 21, 1998. In order to allow a 45 day comment period under this Regional notice, the comments on these proposed permits are due by September 21, 1998.

The permit will become effective 30 days after the date of publication of the EPA's final permit decision.

EPA's contact person for submitting written comments, requesting information regarding the proposed permit, and/or obtaining copies of the proposed permit and the fact sheet is:

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Copies of the complete fact sheet and proposed permit can also be found on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/earthlr6/6wq/6wq.htm>.

EPA's comments and public hearing procedures may be found at 40 CFR 124.10 and 124.12 (48 Federal Register 142664, April 1, 1983, as amended at 49 Federal Register 38051, September 26, 1984). The comment period during which written comments on the draft permit may be submitted extends for 45 days from the date of this notice. During the comment period, any interested person may request a Public Hearing by filing a written request which must state the issues to be raised. A public hearing will be held when EPA finds a significant degree of public interest.

EPA will notify the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permit decision. A final permit decision means a final decision to issue, deny, modify, revoke or reissue, or terminate a permit. Further information including the administrative record may be viewed at the above address between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is recommended that you write or call to the contact above for an appointment, so the record(s) will be available at your convenience.